

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE RAILROAD BOARD MEETING
 MARCH 16, 2016 @ 11:00 AM
 DOT Building – Commission/Boardroom
 Pierre, South Dakota

MEMBERS: Todd Yeaton, Chair
 Carl Anderson via phone
 Jeff Burket
 Sheldon Cotton
 Gary Doering via phone
 Harlan Quenzer

OTHERS VIA PHONE: Alex Huff and Jack Parliament

STAFF: Bruce Lindholm, Lynn Kennison, Joel Jundt, Bonnie Olson, Karla Engle, and Misty Siedschlaw

Agenda Items:

Call to order

- 1) Approve the minutes of meeting on February 17, 2106
- 2) Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer
- 3) Consideration of Sioux City project
- 4) Update on MRC line project
- 5) Rail line committee assignments for board members

Chair Yeaton called the regular meeting of the South Dakota State Railroad Board (the “Board”) to order at 11:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

1) Motion by Anderson, second by Burket, to approve the February 17, 2016, Railroad Board meeting minutes. Motion carried by roll call vote (all aye).

2) Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer

Yeaton turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Cotton for election of Chair.

2a) Chair –Doering nominated Yeaton.

2b) Motion by Quenzer, second by Anderson to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to elect Yeaton as Chair. Motion carried by roll call vote (five aye, 1 abstain [Yeaton]).
 Todd Yeaton was elected Chair.

Cotton turned the meeting back over to newly re-elected Chair Yeaton.

2c) Vice-Chair – Doering nominated Cotton.

2d) Motion by Quenzer, second by Burket to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to elect Cotton as Vice-Chair. Motion carried by roll call (five aye, 1 abstain [Cotton]). Sheldon Cotton was elected Vice Chair.

2e) Secretary-Treasurer –Doering nominated Anderson.

2f) Motion by Burket, second Quenzer to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to elect Anderson as Secretary-Treasurer. Motion carried by roll call (five aye, 1 abstain [Anderson]). Carl Anderson was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Bruce Lindholm, Office of Air, Rail, and Transit

3) Consideration of Sioux City project

Lindholm explained that as part of the 2005 Core Line sale, the State of South Dakota agreed to commit up to \$500,000 toward the construction costs for the Sioux City infrastructure improvement project, subject to concurrence of Union Pacific Railroad Company and Canadian National Railway Company. Jack Parliament, D & I Railroad Co., had requested that the department contribute 50% of the cost to develop a set of preliminary project plans for Union Pacific's review. The estimated cost of producing the plans is \$9,000. Parliament informed the Board that D & I Railroad Co. will order and pay for the preliminary project plans.

4) Update on MRC project

Lindholm updated the Board on the status of the MRC project.

5) Discussion on rail line committee assignments for Board members

The Board discussed assigning Board members to committees to monitor various rail lines.

Motion by Burket, second by Cotton, to assign Burket, Quenzer, and Doering to monitor the MRC rail line, with Yeaton as alternate; to assign Quenzer, Cotton, and Doering to the Sioux Valley and Napa-Platte lines, with Yeaton as alternate; and to assign Cope, Yeaton, and Anderson to Wolsey siding, Yale line, and Britton line, with Burket as alternate.
Motion carried by roll call vote (all aye).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. upon a motion for adjournment by Burket, seconded by Anderson.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2016, at 11 a.m.

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